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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 10 February 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick,  
[ ] Sheldon and [ ]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted he was being rather widely quoted on a statement contained in his talk to the Womens Forum on National Security, to the effect that "the Soviets were spending two billion dollars yearly on front and allied organizations". The Director said he might be faced with this at our budget hearings and asked [ ] to have prepared for him in more detail the basis for this statement.

b. Referred to cables from [ ] respecting his conversation with the Secretary of State and [ ] (IN 17109 and 17089) and noted his intention of discussing these messages at today's OCB Meeting.

c. Asked Mr. Sheldon to prepare a round-up on the proposed Southeast Asia Conference for his possible use at the NSC Meeting.

d. Noted an item in today's CIB respecting the transshipment of ammunition [ ] and asked [ ] to discuss this matter with Colonel King with the view to our "getting in touch" with [ ] on this subject.

f. Stated Mr. Papich had indicated that the FBI had been most complimentary of the contents of intelligence studies on CE matters produced by CIA and had intimated that they would like to see more of this material. [ ] noted that another report on this subject was about completed and the Director expressed the opinion it might be well for him to personally take this one to Mr. Hoover, since he had other matters he wished to discuss with him. The Director also said consideration should be given to sanitizing the less sensitive reports of this nature in order that they might be released through other channels. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested this might be done through selected Members of Congress, provided we had opportunity to first examine what they intended to report.

General Cabell:

Raised the question of the proposed move of the Director's Office to South Building, and after some discussion the DCI approved in principle and authorized Colonel White to draw up plans for such a move. In this connection, the Director also asked Colonel White to survey the occupation of the "Hill complex"; i.e., North, Central, South and Administration Buildings.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Reported Mr. Pforzheimer had received word that Senator Knowland

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Mr. Kirkpatrick (Continued):

had asked for a more detailed briefing on CIA activities than he has received heretofore. The Director approved and asked Messrs. [ ] and Sheldon to be prepared to do this after the luncheon for Senator Knowland on Friday, 12 February. It was suggested that attendance be held to an absolute minimum. The Director approved.

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b. Alerted the Director to a potential flap on [ ] and stated he and [ ] had this matter in hand. In connection with projects, the Director raised the question of action to be taken in the [ ] and stated this should be handled on a very high level with the Department of Justice, noting that in all probability he would discuss it with Mr. Brownell. In the meantime, the Director asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to determine from Mr. Houston the possibility of trying this case in camera.

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Mr. Sheldon:

a. Reported that the DD/I task force had completed its examination of the cables received so far reporting the results of the [ ] and stated that intelligence excerpts had been made for immediate dissemination to the intelligence community at such time as approval is received from the Director. Mr. Dulles stated he would like to see a copy of these excerpts and noted he might use selected items for his NSC briefing on 11 February.

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b. Noted he had been concerned for some time over the fact that no one office of CIA had the clean-cut responsibility to follow International Communism. He also said that insofar as he could determine, our assets in this activity were rather weak. The Director noted he had been considering for some time discussing with the Secretary of State the transfer of that Department's activities in this matter to CIA, and undertook to do this when the Secretary returns. The Director also noted he might initially discuss this with General Smith. After some further discussion the Director asked Messrs. [ ] and Sheldon to furnish him their combined comments and recommendations on this problem.

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